



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Robert Fortelka  
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**RE: Harbor Expansion**  
**Office of Water Resources, Permit Extension Request**  
**Project Number(s): 1008981**  
**County: Putnam**

Dear Mr. Fortelka:

This letter is in reference to the above mentioned Office of Water Resources (OWR) permit extension request for the Spring Valley Boat Club (SVBC) submitted on May 6, 2014. OWR consults with the Office of Realty and Environmental Planning in accordance with Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075, the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and the *Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act* [20 ILCS 3420/4]. Consultation was originally completed on May 4, 2010 with no resource issues identified. However, consultation is only valid for two years and a new consultation was necessary for this project.

The natural resources review indicated a new record for the state and federally-threatened plant decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*) in the project area. A survey in 2012 by the Illinois Natural History Survey identified approximately 27,843 individual plants on property owned by the SVBC. While listed plant species are the property of the landowner, it would be beneficial to conserve the genetic material of the plant through translocation, seed collection, or stockpiling and replacing the surface soils containing the seed bank. For information on the life history and identification of this plant, please visit: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/plants/decurrentfalseaster/>. Further, be aware that written permission from the landowner must be obtained to disturb or relocate a listed plant. The Spring Valley Boat Club should consider giving written permission to any contractor conducting work on the project that may impact decurrent false aster.

The natural resources review also indicated the state and federally-endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalist*) and the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), which is proposed for listing in the fall of 2014, may occur in the project area. Special condition #5 of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit (expiring on December 31, 2014) stipulates that no tree clearing should occur between April 1 and September 30 to mitigate for potential impacts to bats. The Department concurs with this condition.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary. The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me at 217-524-0501 if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Grider".

Nathan Grider  
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Impact Assessment, OREP

cc: IDNR/OWR, Mark McCauley